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Grant funds aid Caddo Volunteer Fire Department in upgrading fire truck

CADDO, Texas – With the help of a \$100,000 grant the Caddo VFD will now be able to better protect the community from fires.

The cost-share grant administered through Texas A&M Forest Service helped the fire department to purchase a new truck that will enhance their emergency response capabilities.

“This grant has given our department the ability to fight fires more efficiently and with confidence in our equipment,” said Boon Campbell, Caddo VFD chief. “Not only were we able to purchase an outstanding truck, we have the hoses, nozzles, tools and gear to better serve our community and neighboring communities. Many lives will benefit from this grant.”

Covering over 200 square miles and responding to fires in rough country terrain, the 22-member department needed a reliable vehicle able to meet the rigorous demands of firefighting.

Previous older trucks often broke down on the way to fires and placed a financial burden with the upkeep of the vehicle.

“We spent the majority of our funds keeping trucks in running order and have had trucks break down on fires, on the way to fires and after fires. Now, we do not have to worry about this truck breaking down,” said Campbell.

These grants are important because VFDs respond to 90 percent of wildfires in Texas, and do it with little to no money and a staff made up primarily of volunteers.

The Caddo VFD award is among the \$12.8 million passed through TFS to Texas volunteer fire departments each year.

To learn more about this program visit texasfd.com.